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Title: System and Method for Interconnecting ATM Systems
Over an Intermediate ATM Network Using Switch
Virtual Connections

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In response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In a preferred embodiment, the method in accordance with the present invention interconnects a calling party asynchronous transfer mode system and a called party asynchronous transfer mode system using an intermediate switching asynchronous transfer mode network. Each asynchronous transfer mode system has an associated border node, such as an ATM switch. The system routes calls over the intermediate switching asynchronous transfer mode network based on